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***FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE ALAMO HOUSING AUTHORITY  
SENTENCED ON THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS CHARGE***

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, and Kenneth M. Donohue, United States Housing and Urban Development Inspector General, today announced that **WILMA A. NICHOLSON, age 69**, who was charged in April 2005 in a one-count Information with theft of government funds, was sentenced on November 21, 2005, in U.S. District Court in Dublin. Nicholson had earlier entered a plea of guilty to the one-count Information.

The charges stemmed from the theft of dwelling receipts from the cash draw of The Housing Authority of the City of Alamo for each of the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. Nicholson was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Dudley Bowen to 10 months imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, \$46,169.00 restitution, and a \$100 special assessment.

Wood remarked that her office and HUD vigorously investigate and prosecute theft of government funds. Speaking of Nicholson, Wood stated, "This 69-year-old great-grandmother will spend significant time in federal prison for her crimes." The lead prosecutor representing the United States was Assistant U.S. Attorney, Lamar C. Walter, in Savannah.

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